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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM: REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

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1. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT COMPANION OF MISS NAVAROVA, FOR WHOM WE ARE PROVIDING REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, MIROSLAV RYBKA (PARA 1A REFTEL) HAS COME TO OFFICE REPORTING HIS ESCAPE FROM TOUR GROUP AND CLAIMING TO BE REFUGEE. IT WILL BE RECALLED HE DID NOT ALLEGE PERSECUTION (PARA 3 REFTEL). CONGEN HAS NOT TOLD HIM WHAT TRANSPRIRED IN NAVAROVA CASE. INCIDENTALLY, RYBKA HAS NO PASSPORT AND ONLY A LITTLE MONEY.

2. IN VIEW OF COOPERATION DISPLAYED BY GOE IN NAVAROVA CASE, I FELT THAT I HAD TO INFORM AMBASSADOR SIRRI OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT. I SHOULD NOTE THAT, WHILE FONMIN FAHMY, SIRRI AND OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE WILLINGLY COOPERATED, THIS WILLINGNESS WAS TEMPERED BY CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND WITH GREAT CONCERN THAT THIS MIGHT

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HAVE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON THEIR RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN ANY EVENT, SIRRI EXPRESSED EXTREME DISMAY AND SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT MIGHT BE DONE AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN HE WOULD BRING THIS TO FAHMY'S ATTENTION BECAUSE LATTER IS INVOLVED IN AFTERNOON MEETING WITH YUGOSLOV FONMIN TO BE FOLLOWED BY OFFICIAL DINNER. SIRRI SAID HE WOULD NEVERTHELESS TRY TO GET TO HIS MINISTER AT SOME POINT. I SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT EMPLOY SAME PROCEDURE AS IN NARATOVA CASE IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREED, BUT HE SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY JUDGEMENT FOR THE MOMENT.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE EGYPTIANS, FEELING THAT THEY HAVE GONE WAY OUT OF THEIR WAY TO AGREE IN NAVAROVA CASE, MAY NOT BE WILLING TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE AGAIN. THEY MAY INSIST THAT RYBKA BE TURNED OVER TO THEM PROMPTLY. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE WILLING TO CONSIDER HIS CASE POSITIVELY AS THEY HAD ORIGINALLY OFFERED TO DO IN NAVAROVA CASE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE BY FLASH MESSAGE WHETHER I SHOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE GOE TO FOLLOW SAME COURSE AS WITH NAVAROVA OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TURN TYBKA OVE TO EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WITH OR WITHOUT FIRM ASSURANCE OF POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF HIS CASE.

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